

Thompson Falls Hydroelectric Project,
Chicken House
On Island between Forebay Channel and
Clark Fork River
Town of Thompson Falls
Sanders County
Montana

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THOMPSON FALLS HYDROELECTRIC PROJECT,
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- Location:** Approximately 25' from the south corner of the Powerhouse Foreman's Bungalow (HAER No. MT-90-A), on a man-made island between the forebay channel and the Clark Fork River, in the town of Thompson Falls, Sanders County, Montana.
- Significance:** The chicken house contributes to the significance of the Thompson Falls Hydroelectric Dam Project, Powerhouse Foreman's Bungalow. It represents vernacular outbuildings built for practical uses, without concern for architectural style. Such outbuildings were common in residential areas.
- Description:** The wood-frame chicken house measures 12'-3" x 10'-2". It has a shed roof covered with corrugated steel roofing. The walls are board and batten. A single, vertical board door is located on the west end and a row of windows (now without glazing) lines the south side.
- History:** No historical information is currently available documenting the construction of the building, but it appears to date to at least the 1920s. The building was apparently used as a chicken house sometime during the years the Bungalow was occupied, 1916 until the early 1980s. The building is now abandoned. For a historic context, see HAER No. MT-90-A, Thompson Falls Hydroelectric Project, Powerhouse Foreman's Bungalow.
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